



InTouch

Mobile Technology Moves to Our High Schools

When we asked high school teachers who was interested in participating in a mobile technology pilot to start this spring, the response was overwhelming! We're now faced with the tough job of selecting 24 teachers from among the 63 applications we received. The teachers chosen for the pilot project will receive their first days of training next month. Each will be given a MacBook and an iPad Mini to use during training and to take home over the summer for further exploration and lesson planning. More in-service will occur in September. In addition to learning how to use technology to increase student engagement and improve student achievement, pilot teachers will play a critical role in guiding the full rollout of technology across both high schools.

Note to all interested teachers: Our annual Summer Technology Institute will offer sessions for everyone, K-12. Watch for details coming out shortly.

Quiz Night A Huge Success

The 3rd Annual Educators for Charity Quiz Night was held at the Slovak Legion on April 18. Competition was fierce among the record 43 teams that worked through ten rounds of questions from various categories. Each winning team received six \$50 gift certificates to Giorg Ristorante and the much-coveted title, **Educators' for Charity Quiz Night 2013 Champions**. The hugely successful event raised \$5,800 for P.R.O. Kids Thunder Bay. Winning teams were as follows:

First Place (pictured): Dan Puiatti, Rob Pearce, Chris Opaski, Jeff Bevilacqua, Ken Skinner and Rob Weatherston.

Second Place: Jasmine Martine-Ruberto, James Gill, Lisa Auger, Tom Auger, Renee Siciliano and Ryan Siciliano.

Third Place: Lynsey Atkinson, Keri Arthur, Elizabeth McGeagh, Stephanie Przysucha, Kelli Milloy and Nina Morrow.

Event organizers Thomas Joseph and Michael Zussino thanked the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board for its support and recognized the many volunteer judges and scorers, including Leanne Joseph, J.P. Tennier, Jorma Saharinen, Doug Bernst, Francis Veneruz, Mark Prezio, Christine Prezio, Carlo Fanti, Steve Kranyak, Terry Wood, Tina Zussino and Tony Curciarello. Congratulations to all involved in this wonderful event!



Quiz Night's winning team

New Roles at the CEC

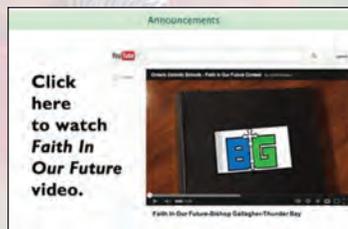
Karen McKissick was recently welcomed to our board in the role of Safety Officer. Karen is already hard at work on matters pertaining to Occupational Health and Safety, Accident Investigation, Workplace Violence Bill 168, Critical Injury Reporting, Emergency Planning, and Risk Management. Angelle Rebelo has assumed a new role as Health and Wellness Officer. Angelle is now responsible for WSIB, Stay at Work Programs, Short Term and Long Term Disability Programs, Employee Wellness, and the Attendance Support Program.



Karen McKissick, our new Safety Officer

Bishop Gallagher Makes Headlines Again!

In the fall, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) invited all Ontario Catholic schools to participate in the Faith in Our Future video contest. Submissions were to be 1-minute in length and were to feature students communicating, "how Catholic education has made a positive difference in their lives". At last weekend's OCSTA AGM in Toronto, the contest results were announced, with Bishop Gallagher taking second prize! The winners will be invited to the May Board Meeting to receive a certificate and a \$150 Gift Card to Best Buy. Congratulations to Teacher Advisor, Mary DeLuca, and her talented team of students. Their video is posted on both our board's website and the OCSTA website.



Lunch for a Good Cause

Last month, 16 of our 18 elementary schools participated in Potluck for Change, a luncheon fundraiser in support of the Faye Peterson Transition House. The way it works is simple: once they decide to participate, staff members volunteer to bring potluck dishes to share, and everyone who attends makes a donation. Organizer Solange Cote reports that this year's event raised \$2600, a big step up from last year's \$1900. With momentum growing for this annual fundraiser, teacher feedback has been really positive. St. Elizabeth School took their involvement a step further and held an after-school potluck at a staff member's house. At St. Bernard, participation was high with more than 20 teachers volunteering to bring food. This fundraiser is another great example of Catholic educators in action!



St. Pat's Grad Makes the Big Time

Like many Thunder Bay boys, Carter Hutton's dream was to play in the NHL and he pursued this dream with perseverance and resiliency. A 2003 graduate of St. Patrick High School, Carter attended



Confederation College while playing goal for the Fort William First Nation Junior A North Stars. After two years with the North Stars, Carter received a NCAA hockey scholarship to the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where he starred for the Riverhawks. He graduated in 2010 with a degree in business finance and entrepreneurship. Although undrafted, Carter turned pro with the Philadelphia Flyers organization and eventually signed an entry level NHL contract with the San Jose Sharks. In 2011, Carter moved to the Chicago Blackhawks. Carter has worked extremely hard to achieve his goal, and he has shown that commitment, dedication and passion form the foundation of success.